

Event Name: BFHD COVID-19

Report Period: 09/23/2020 – 09/25/2020	Mission #: 20-0265	Jurisdictions Impacted: Benton & Franklin Counties
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YELLOW HIGHLIGHTS DENOTE NEW/CHANGED INFORMATION

General Situation/Overview:

On January 21, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Washington State Department of Health announced the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States and in Washington State. As of 3/19/2020 a 24, 48, 72-hour planning projection of the response is being done daily. Friday's planning projection will encompass Saturday and Sunday, then resume normal planning projections on Monday.

Benton and Franklin County At-A-Glance

Total Case Count Updated: 11:45am 09/25/2020	Benton	Franklin
Confirmed*	4511	4242
Deaths**	115	53

Confirmed:** positive test result. *Deaths:** BFHD defined a COVID-19 death as someone who died with COVID-19 as their primary cause of death, meaning they died because of COVID-19. DOH includes people who tested positive for COVID-19 and died, but may not have died of COVID-19. That's why the dashboard may show a higher number of deaths than we previously reported. DOH is currently updating their definition, and in the coming days, the total number of deaths reported on the dashboard may decrease

City Case Count 09/25/2020 11:45am	April OFM Population	# of Cases
Pasco	77,100	3711
Mesa	495	101
Connell	5,500	363
Kahlotus	165	<10
Eltopia	-	52
Kennewick	84,960	2618
Richland	58,550	981
West Richland	15,710	225
Benton City	3,560	160
Prosser	6220	412
Plymouth	-	17
Paterson	-	<10
Not Specified	-	102

Current Hospital Status Updated: 11:45am 09/25/2020 M-F		COVID Like Illness = CLI	
	# Hospitalized Patients	# COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI	% COVID-19 Confirmed & CLI
Current hospitalized patients	297	26	8.8%

Case Locations of Interest updated 11:45am on 09/25/2020	
	# of Cases
Long Term Care Residents and Staff	532

Please visit [Washington State Department of Corrections site](https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm) for current case counts at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center. (<https://www.doc.wa.gov/corrections/covid-19/data.htm>)

OPERATIONS SECTION:

OUTBREAK MITIGATION & DATA: Identify the COVID-19 spread, including clusters; track any lab confirmed cases and determine potential exposures. Identify the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care and community living facilities and provide infection control guidance and resources to those facilities. Input data from Epi into existing systems; WDRS and Redcap surveys.

- Active Outbreaks in the community: these outbreaks meet the [definition of an outbreak](#) and have had active cases within the last 28 days
 - **General Business Community - 13**
 - **Long Term Care Facilities - 9**
 - **HealthCare Settings – 1**
 - **Childcare Settings – 1**
 - **Schools – 1**
- BFHD and WA-DOH participate every Thursday with Long Term Care facilities for a Questions & Answers session. The discussions main focus is on COVID impacts, issues and concerns relating to our LTC partners.
- BFHD, local school district administrators and ESD 123 leadership continue to meet to discuss planning for and implementation of in-person education or a hybrid type model with all the schools in the local area.

CONTACT TRACING & CARE COORDINATION:

- BFHD is partnering with Blue Mountain Heart to offer COVID testing. Additionally, food and general health care item boxes are being provided.
- BFHD participated in an inter-county outbreak call with Walla Walla County. A significant number of resident's work in one of the counties but live in the other. A focus of the calls is to help ensure potential outbreaks and contact tracing are happening quickly and appropriately in each respective county.
- The Community Health Record (CHR) system, for assigning and tracking care coordination cases, will be implemented on Tuesday, September 29th, for the Care Coordination Team to start using.
- Care Coordination teams continues to provide services to those in Isolation or quarantine who have identified they need assistance

COMMUNITY TESTING:

- To date, the National Guard at the HAPO Center testing site has administered **14,787 COVID tests**. Testing numbers this week are as follows: Tuesday 9/22, 197 tests, Wednesday 9/23, 146 tests, Thursday 9/24, 75 tests and Friday 9/25, 78 tests for a total of 496 tests administered this week
- **HAPO Test Site Hours of Operations –Tuesday - Friday from 7:00am- 3:00pm**
- **Opening day** testing numbers for CBC-West Test Site Operations – 78 tests were administered and sent to the UW lab.
- **CBC-West Test Site Hours of Operations –Thursday through Monday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. ONLINE REGISTRATION is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** Click the link to be taken to the registration page www.wacovid19.org/tricitiestesting

VOLUNTEERS: Develop and administer volunteer training and coordination to supplement current staff as needed.

- Interested in **volunteering** at BFHD go to: [VOLUNTEER AT BFHD](#)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS / PUBLIC INFORMATION: Keep our community informed and educated; providing accurate information. Maintain our call center and website; providing updated information. Develop and maintain media products for the weekly press conference.

- **AS NEEDED - BFHD press conference covering the current situation/status and guest speakers will be included to discuss special topics, when appropriate**
- Outdoor Agritourism has been expanded effective 09/21/2020. Businesses may specifically open for corn mazes, animal viewing, hay and wagon rides, bonfires, playground activity and similar type activity. They must still follow the health protocols as lined out in the Phase 2 guidance. Indoor operations remain limited to retail and food service activities. [Specific details are here.](#)
- [Cover Your Airholes public service announcement – CYA](#) [click here](#)
- BFHD updates [Website](#) [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) daily

LOGISTICS:

PPE RECEIVING/DISTRIBUTION:

- If you are curious to know how much PPE each county has received from the state you can find that information here <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/personal-protective-equipment/tracking-ppe-distribution>
- **Supply both the HAPO Testing Site and CBC-West Testing Site with PPE as needed/requested**
- **Reminder entities should only be requesting assistance for those supplies they are unable to procure for themselves.** PPE requests from Hospitals/EMS/Law Enforcement/Clinics/LTC/Dentists need to be sent to their respective Emergency Management no later than **10:00am every Friday** or as circumstances dictate – a weekly request will be made to the state every Friday for delivery of supplies the following week.
Benton – d.davis@bces.wa.gov Franklin – sdavis@co.franklin.wa.us

DAILY and FUTURE OPERATIONS:

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:

- Daily at 8:00am - Operational Briefing via ZOOM if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
- Daily at 4:00pm – Planning Meeting via ZOOM – if you would like an invite for this Zoom meeting email Janae Parent at janaep@bfhd.wa.gov
- M-F at 5:00 dissemination of BFHD Incident Action Plan released - on Friday the IAP will be a 3-day IAP encompassing the weekend plan (Sat, Sun, Mon)
- Tuesday at 1:00pm – Region 8 Healthcare and partners call
- Tuesday at 2:00pm - BFHD hosts local elected officials and decision-makers conference call
- Tuesday/Friday at 5:00pm - Unified Situational Report (SitRep) released
- Tuesday at 2:00 - SEOC Unified Command Ops to BFHD Command Ops meeting
- Wednesday at 10:30am - Local Hospital/Clinic/EMS/EM coordination call via ZOOM
- Wednesday at 1:30pm – Call with local agricultural partners
- Wednesday at 1:00pm - North Franklin County Community Leadership meeting – call in phone 1-509-545-3555 meeting number: 5847# access code: 3555#

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday at 11:30am - Coordination call with the WA State EOC, 1-877-820-7831, password 782831# - State SitRep is not produced on the weekends it will be sent M-F only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday at 1:30 - Municipality Advisory Council.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Thursday at 2:30pm - call with BFHD and LTC agencies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every other Friday at 2:00pm – Central and Eastern WA Counties meeting to discuss farmworkers and H2A Housing community's information/concerns/coordination
<u>FUTURE OPERATIONS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue planning efforts in preparation for when the governor releases restrictions on movements between the phases of the safe start plan. Planning for a Phase 3 request for our area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for Incident Command staff to migrate back to the BFHD office by October 16th.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School planning for in-person hybrid learning following <75 cases per 100,000 threshold
<u>CURRENT RISKS:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School re-opening across the two counties
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Information for Halloween/Corn Mazes/Haunted Houses and impacts from those events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Proclamation 20-57.1 and Impacts to Agricultural community

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION:

- Benton-Franklin Health District- All News: <https://www.bfhd.wa.gov>
- Washington State Department of Health: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- REDI Healthcare Coalition: <https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/hcc/eei->

DISTRIBUTED TO:

Local Health Jurisdiction: Management Team, EOC/ECC Staff, all BFHD Staff
Region 8: Local Emergency Response Coordinators, Emergency Management agencies, healthcare partners, Fire/EMS agencies
WA State: Regional Emergency Response Coordinators, DOH Duty Officer
Eastern WA: REDi Coalition Duty Officer
Cross Boarder: Oregon Regions 6 and 9 Liaisons